



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

Town Council

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Mayor Harry A. Watson, Councilors Heather Sherman Bond, Kathryn M. Brown-Tracy, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Rita M. Schmidt, Paulann H. Sheets, and James L. Streeter

Tuesday, December 16, 2008

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

This is the portion of the Council Agenda where the Council welcomes comments from citizens. Each presentation should be limited to five (5) minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit written comments. Presentations should be related to matters pertinent to Groton. Town Councilors will only ask questions in order to clarify the speaker's presentation and can respond during the Responses to Citizens' Petitions portion of the Town Council meeting. Citizens should make their presentations from the lectern and state their names and addresses for the record.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under Item VI (Consent Calendar) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will take place, unless cause is shown prior to the time Council votes on the motion to adopt.

a. Approval of Minutes

2008-0304 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of December 2, 2008 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2008-0298 Special Trust Fund Contributions

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Robert Ashworth - \$75.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Estate of Howard Diver c/o Marge Fondulas - \$500.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Fitch Senior High Students Penny Drive - \$167.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Paul and Carla Heschel - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Pamela Maury (Maryann and Ed Priebe's Anniversary) - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Sean McKeown - \$200.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Mystic Lions Club - \$1,500.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Mystic Rotary & Liberty Bank - \$1,095.55 - Social Services Discretionary

Poquonnock Bridge Neighborhood Association - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church - \$20.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Joan Steinford - \$20.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Richard Thomason - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Lee Treadway - \$40.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Sally and Ralph Whitney - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Ann Wrynn (Maryann and Ed Priebe's Anniversary) - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Various Donations - \$2,195.00 - Groton Utilities Assistance Program
City of Groton Matching Funds - \$91.12 - Groton Utilities Assistance Program
Pfizer Foundation Volunteer Program - \$1,000.00 - Library Discretionary
L&M Alumni Association - \$50.00 - Library Discretionary
Kane Family and Shoreline Diving Services, Inc. - \$2,500.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2007-0299	Strategy and Negotiations Concerning Collective Bargaining	Referral
2008-0266	Human Services Department - Discussion of Anticipated Needs	Referral
2008-0301	Adoption of Ordinance on Property Tax Relief	Referral
2008-0302	Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut Grant - Library	Referral
2008-0303	Amendment to Department of Environmental Protection Grant and Loan Agreement - Water Pollution Control Facility Upgrade Project	Referral

VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

- a. Town Councilors
- b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting
- c. Clerk of the Council
- d. Town Manager
- e. Town Attorney

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman Brown-Tracy
- b. Economic Development - Chairman Bond
- c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Kolnaski
- d. Environment/Energy - Chairman Sheets
- e. Finance - Chairman Schmidt
- f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman O'Beirne
- g. Public Safety - Chairman Streeter
- h. Public Works/Recreation - Chairman Monteiro
- i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Watson

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

2008-0302 Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut Referral
Grant - Library

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT FOR ENHANCEMENTS TO THE GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHEREAS, the Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut has announced the availability of a grant program called the "Love our Libraries Initiative," and

WHEREAS, the creation of an enclosed space and improved furnishings for our teens would ensure an enduring enhancement of services to all users of the Groton Public Library, and

WHEREAS, a condition of the Community Foundation grant is the assurance, by the Town, that the receipt of grant funds will not be used to displace funding or budget appropriations that would normally have been given to the library, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger or his designee may apply for a Love our Libraries Initiative Grant of \$100,000 from the Community Foundation and may sign a letter of intent, on behalf of the Town Council, to comply with the Foundation's criteria.

Legislative History

12/3/2008	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the
12/9/2008	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
12/9/2008	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2008-0303 Amendment to Department of Environmental Protection Referral
Grant and Loan Agreement - Water Pollution Control
Facility Upgrade Project

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMOUNT OF BONDS TO BE SOLD FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton (the "Town") approved Ordinance No. 233 at referendum on November 5, 1996, which appropriated \$10,388,000 and authorized borrowing in the same amount for additions and improvements to the Water Pollution Control Facility; and

WHEREAS, The Town approved Ordinance No. 242 at referendum on May 23, 2000, which appropriated an additional \$5,112,000 for the project and included in the project facilities to remove nitrogen from the wastewater and authorized borrowing in the same amount, for an aggregate appropriation and borrowing authorization of \$15,500,000; and

WHEREAS, the State authorized in Section 40 of Public Act No. 04-1, May 2004 Special Session, an additional grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the Town's Water Pollution Control Facility additions and improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Town appropriated an additional \$2,000,000 for the Water Pollution Control Facility additions and improvements to be funded from such State grant, for an aggregate appropriation of \$17,500,000; and

WHEREAS, the Town appropriated an additional \$3,400,000 for the project, which may be funded from balances in the Sewer Operating Fund and The Water Pollution Control Authority's portion of the Capital Reserve Fund, including amounts previously appropriated for certain projects for fiscal years 2005-2006 and 2006-2007, for an aggregate appropriation of \$20,900,000; and

WHEREAS, the Town has appropriated additional amounts for the project which aggregate

\$2,044,000; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance Nos. 233 and 242 authorized the Town Manager, on behalf of the Town, to apply for and accept State grants to finance the project and State loans to finance the project, and to enter into any grant or loan agreement prescribed by the State; and

WHEREAS, the State has proposed to make grants available for the project from the Clean Water Fund in the amount of approximately \$4,074,717.16, of which \$452,362.60 is applicable to the \$2,044,000 additional amounts appropriated for the project, leaving \$3,622,354.56 grants;

RESOLVED, that any grants received by the Town pursuant to the proposed DEP agreement be applied first to reduce the amount of funds to be applied from balances in the Sewer Operating Fund and the Water Pollution Control Authority's portion of the Capital Reserve Fund which were previously approved to fund the additional \$3,400,000 appropriation, except for \$150,000 of such amount which is not eligible for grant funding; and thereafter to reduce the amount of borrowing for the project so that the remaining \$3,622,354.56 grant shall be applied to fund \$3,250,000 of the, \$3,400,000 additional appropriation, leaving \$372,354.56 to reduce the remaining bond authorization when such grants are received; and

WHEREAS, the State has proposed to make a loan for the project from the Clean Water Fund in the amount of approximately \$12,864,411.44 which would require the Town to issue an aggregate amount of \$12,864,411.44 in bonds or obligations to be sold to the State at a 2% interest rate; and

WHEREAS, the Town to date has issued bonds and obtained other grants and provided other funding for the project in the amount of \$2,263,234, thereby reducing the aggregate \$15,500,000 bond authorization to \$13,236,766; and the receipt of the additional project grant in the amount of \$372,354.56 would reduce the aggregate bond authorization further to \$12,864,411.44; and

WHEREAS, Ordinances Nos. 233 and 242 authorized the Town Council to determine the amount of bonds or obligations to be sold;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that up to \$12,864,411.44 bonds or obligations be sold pursuant to Ordinances Nos. 233 and 242.

Legislative History

12/5/2008	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
12/9/2008	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
12/9/2008	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT